

I am deeply concerned at the proposal to permit the use of electric power lines for broadband communications. From everything I've read, this will cause massive amounts of interference to existing services with concomitant loss of use of valuable spectrum.

The area where I live is already electronically very noisy, making it difficult at best even to listen to ordinary AM broadcast stations at times. As an amateur radio operator (W3DEF) for 50 years, I can state without fear of contradiction that I have never encountered the amount of power line interference I now experience. I have no doubt that allowing electric utilities to cram broadband communications services--which are notoriously noisy--onto their power lines will make it all but impossible to use many of the frequencies between 500 khz and 30 mhz.

Sincerely,

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